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The Board of Supervisors adopted the Healthy Design Ordinance in February 2013 to increase levels of physical activity and access to healthy foods in the Los Angeles County unincorporated areas, and to encourage the design of public and private facilities in a manner that facilitates pedestrian activity, bicycling, use of public transit and outdoor physical activity, and healthier lifestyles for residents. Healthy design strategies also play an important role in improving air quality and mitigating carbon emissions by reducing reliance on vehicle travel. Initiatives include enhancing the built-environment to encourage active transportation and provide better access to public facilities. As part of this effort, ensuring the safety of all people using the roadway is equally vital.

Traffic-related deaths are the leading cause of premature death among 5 to 14 year olds, and the fifth leading cause of premature death in Los Angeles County overall. Recent statistics show that the number of traffic-related fatalities in California is increasing. Therefore, it is important that we address traffic safety on our unincorporated County roadways in both the urban and rural areas.

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In 2015, a national strategy for highway safety was launched called “Towards Zero Deaths.” Counties and cities across the nation have established similar traffic safety initiatives such as “Vision Zero” with the aim of eliminating traffic-related fatalities by implementing a holistic approach to create safer streets through education, engineering, and enforcement strategies. These initiatives improve safety and support the wellness of our residents and communities we serve.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Healthy Design Workgroup, and in coordination with the Department of Public Works, Sheriff’s Department, Fire Department, and Department of Health Services, to analyze data related to traffic collisions for unincorporated County areas and report back on potential strategies and actions to implement a Vision Zero Initiative for the County unincorporated areas within 120 days.

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